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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Final report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 2136 (2014)
2. Other matters

Other activities

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Photographic exhibition entitled "My Homeland" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic)

Today, 9 January until Friday, 16 January 2015, at the First Floor South of the Conference Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic (e-mail exesec.syria@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 661-1313).]

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Press conferences

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Friday, 9 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January –14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 13 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3: on rule of law; and

Thursday, 15 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3: on civil affairs and security sector reform.

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 20 to Friday, 23 January 2015. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 20 January, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.15. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.16. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 16 January 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Wednesday, 14 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Wednesday, 4 February 2015*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

An informal stock-taking meeting on the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries held in Vienna, Austria, from 3 to 5 November 2014, and to reflect on the way forward, will be convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information on the meeting, please *click here* or contact Mr. Kennedy Chesoli, Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (e-mail chesoli@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1984). For information relating to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, please *click here*.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests

Second meeting

The second meeting of the Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests will be held at United Nations Headquarters from Monday, 12 to Friday,16 January 2015, in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

In accordance with United Nations Forum on Forests resolution 10/2 of 19 April 2013, the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group is tasked with reviewing the performance and effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests within the context of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, and the attainment of the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2007-2015. At its second meeting, the ad hoc expert group will review all inputs, including the outcome of its first meeting, the outcome of the independent assessment of the international arrangement on forests as explained in resolution 10/2, and the second round of stakeholders' views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests. The ad hoc expert group will also take into account the interconnection of the international arrangement on forests with the sustainable development goals and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda. Based on this review, the ad hoc expert group will make its recommendations on the future international arrangement on forests to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York, 4-15 May 2015).

Background information, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2015, on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 5.

Informal briefing

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 on: (a) evaluation on the response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and (b) evaluation of upstream work in the education sector. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (3-5 February 2015) will take place on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency

Programme Fund ceiling; and (b) Extension and Expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its Revolving Fund.

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 30 January 2015*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26 January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February

2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place on Monday, 12 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday 26 to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman

(e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Saturday 10 January 2015.*

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. Delegates are requested to include the intended agenda item in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services.

Joint meeting

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Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

Monday, 12 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A.

Forthcoming other activities

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Women's International Forum: Lecture by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 12 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited. For further information, please *click here*.]

Event on "The Aman Foundation: a social investment portal to transform health and education delivery in Karachi and Pakistan" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan and the United Nations Foundation)

Tuesday, 13 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Yasar Ammar, Permanent Mission of Pakistan (e-mail yasarammar@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 879-8600, ext. 120).]

Barbershop Conference on "Changing the discourse among men on gender equality" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Iceland and Suriname)

Working session: "What Makes a Man?"

Wednesday, 14 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited. For further information please *click here*; or contact Ms. Maria Jonsdottir, Permanent Mission of Iceland (e-mail mmj@mfa.is; tel. 1 (646) 282-9373).]

High-level event: "The Barbershop"

Thursday, 15 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information please *click here*; or contact Ms. Maria Jonsdottir, Permanent Mission of Iceland (e-mail mmj@mfa.is; tel. 1 (646) 282-9373).]

Panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security in the Context of Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)

Thursday, 15 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amiera AlHefeiti, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail a.alhefeiti@mofa.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480).]

Panel discussion on "Migrants in crisis situations" (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the United States Mission)

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or e-mail unobserver@iom.int; or *click here*.]

Interactive dialogue between the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and civil society representatives with a valid ground pass are invited. Civil society representatives without a ground pass may apply by *clicking here, no later than Tuesday, 13 January 2015*. For further information, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi (e-mail dowlatshahi@un.org)).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2015*:

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Finding Speeches

Introduction to E-books

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Security Council Documentation

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free.

Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 8 January 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7356th meeting — *The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

The Security Council observed a minute of silence to honour the memory of the victims of the attacks that took place in Paris on 7 January 2015.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2015/1).

7357th meeting — *Peace consolidation in West Africa*

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2014/945)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Chambas.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:

Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:

Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:

Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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